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THE WELCOME BACK ISSUE

Obama Inauguration Celebration Next Week

Alex Ruano
Pacifican News Editor

Next Tuesday the Black Student Union (BSU) and ASuop will host two events celebrating the inauguration of Barack Obama.

The festivities begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Lair with a panel discussion explaining the inauguration process. BSU members along with three Political Science professors will explain the transition process between presidents

and take students' questions. The morning event will end with a live broadcast of the swearing in of Obama at 8:30 a.m.

At 6:00 p.m. the festivities start up again in the Lair with a post-inauguration forum. It will be an open mic event where students can remark about the inauguration and express their feelings while enjoying music and food. There will also be the possible rebroadcasting of the inauguration.

The Search For Pacific's New President

Alex Ruano
Pacifican News Editor

Pacific's Presidential Search Committee has narrowed down the candidates for Pacific's next President to four. Throughout January and February these candidates will visit all three of Pacific's campuses and undergo a rigorous interview process. Each candidate will start their visits with a day in Stockton, meeting with faculty and staff, ending with an open forum in Grace Covell

Hall. They will then spend a day each on the Sacramento and San Francisco campuses.

Last Tuesday the first candidate, Pam Eibeck, Dean of the College of Engineering at Texas Tech University, visited Pacific. The next candidate is scheduled to visit Monday, Jan. 26, with the open forum held from 4-5 pm in Grace Covell Hall. The names of each candidate will be released one week from their arrival. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the open forums for each candidate.



State Senator Leland Yee
Photograph courtesy of <http://gaygamer.net/images/lelandyee.jpg>

California Senator to Visit Pacific

Alex Ruano
Pacifican News Editor

California State Senator Leland Yee, along with members of the Senate Select Committee on Asian Pacific Islander (API) Affairs, will be visiting Pacific during their tour of the Central Valley. Senator Yee is hosting an

open forum tomorrow in the President's room from noon to 1 p.m. to talk about issues that affect people of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage.

The tour and meetings seek to increase the API community's interaction with state government and provide a forum for the API

community to communicate their issues and concerns. These issues include language access, immigrant rights, legal residency, affirmative action, hate crimes, voting rights, civil rights and other issues. Tomorrow's discussion will focus on educational issues faced by API students.

Bon Appetit Updates:

The Grove is NOW OPEN!
The former Tigers Grocery has a wide variety of hot and cold snacks.
Certain parts of the Marketplace will now be closing at a later time of 9:00 p.m.
Declining Balance Meal Plans will rollover a minimum of 300 Dining Dollars

The Rotaract Club of the University of the Pacific

Leadership Conference
Saturday, January 17, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Registration Fee: \$15
Breakfast and Lunch will be provided
Interesting guest speakers and workshops!
Please contact uoprotract@gmail.com

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EDITORS' WELCOME

Devon Blount
Editor In Chief

Hello hello to the Pacific Community!

Last semester was an interesting one, and we, at the Pacifican, will make sure that this semester is just as interesting, but in a more factual way.

In this issue of the Pacifican you will find a correction of the editorial of the Dec. 11 issue of the Pacifican. You will also find a response to that editorial from the University's Office of Public Relations. Also notice the changes in staffing we have made.

I hope you all had a good break and look forward to getting constructive criticism from you! Make sure to check out the Pacifican website (www.thepacifican.com) and comment on articles you feel strongly about! We are also going to begin posting on Facebook, so check us out there too!

Seema Ghatnekar
Pacifican Managing Editor

Dear Pacificans,

It has been a great pleasure working alongside the Pacifican editors as last semester's Perspectives Editor. Though it was a difficult transition to go from staff writer to editor, I learned a lot during the process.

Starting this semester, I will no longer be the Perspectives Editor, but will move on to the position of Managing Editor. I am happy to inform you that the Perspectives section will be placed in the very capable hands of Christine Le, whose poetry column you have seen every week in the section.

I would also like to thank all of the responses we have received about the paper, both positive and negative criticism. Criticism and opinions about the paper enable us to understand what the Pacific community likes to read. I hope to see many more of these responses for the issues to come, as they can help us to strive as a paper.

Also, check out our website—there are very interesting alumni-student conversations on the website. Our alumni give us insight on what happened in the past, and how things have (or have not) changed for Pacificans. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please email us at pacificaneditors@pacific.edu.

Best of luck this semester!

Christine Le
Pacifican Perspectives Editor

Rachel Freeman
Pacifican Sports Editor

Welcome back Pacific sports fans! I hope you all had a relaxing break and that all of your favorite sports teams prevailed. So many sports events took place while we were gone. The Bowl games of college football were played, NBA Basketball is now underway and the NFL playoffs games have not only been determined, but the first round is over.

For the first time since 1971, and, only the second time ever, three teams on the road won in the NFL Playoffs. The Baltimore Ravens defeated the Tennessee Titans on what some believe was a referee blunder. The Arizona Cardinals defeated the Carolina Panthers, after Carolina quarterback Jack Delhomme had his first home meltdown of the season (the Panthers were previously unbeaten at home). Lastly, the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the reigning Superbowl Champs, the New York Giants. The Pittsburgh Steelers were also the only victorious home team this past weekend.

In NBA news, the Los Angeles Lakers were the first west coast team to 30 wins with their victory on Sunday night.

Break-through news, however, was the Bowl games and the dispute between who should be the #1 ranked college football team in Division I-A.

Florida defeated Oklahoma in the BCS Championship and ended their season 7-1. In the more talked about the Sugar Bowl where Utah defeated Alabama handedly, 31-17. This is such a huge deal because BCS schools (schools from the ACC, Big 12, Big East, Big Ten, Pac-10, and SEC) are expected to win these games.

Not only did Utah defeat SEC powerhouse Alabama, but they also completed their season undefeated, having beaten Michigan at Michigan and Oregon State. Keep in mind, Oregon State defeated USC at the beginning of the season so it's not like playing Oregon State, though they are at the bottom of the Pac-10, are a breeze to play.

The Utes so believe that they deserve to be ranked number 1 (Florida is 1 and Utah is 2), that the Attorney General from the state of Utah is looking into whether he can sue the BCS because it is violating federal antitrust laws. This is not the first time Utah has been left out of the national championship. In 2004, Utah was left out of the championship. They did, however, become the first non-BCS team to play in a BCS bowl game.

A lot happened in the wide world of sports over winter break. I hope you are all caught up and enjoyed watching all different sports.

See her piece on drinking in college on the next page

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Alex Ruano
Pacifican News Editor

Hello, and welcome back everybody! I'm Alex Ruano, News Editor for The Pacifican. Andrew Mitchell left us for an engineering co-op and I am back in the interesting world of campus news. I will try my best to make sure that The Pacifican keeps delivering the news that really affects you. Outside of working on The Pacifican I am an actor on campus, a member of Theta Alpha Phi, I hail from Illinois and I am an English major. Happy reading and good luck to you all this semester!

Vivian Lee
Pacifican Lifestyles and Layout Editor

A new semester is starting, and I'm already waist deep with appointments, classes, and upcoming events. But a new semester means more fun and sunshine. The Pacifican is going to be more consistent with its layout, and there will be a lot more from me, including my first experience on a snow trip! I hope all of you had a gorgeous holiday season, and I can't wait to dive in to this semester, as well as the new desert station at the University Center!

P.S. Be sure to check out the new look for our website!

Response to Editorial: "Safety in Public Safety"

Patrick Giblin
Media Relations
Manager
University of the Pacific

The Pacifican's editorial of Dec. 11, 2008, "Safety in Public Safety," contained serious errors that are potentially damaging to University of the Pacific and may have caused unnecessary fear on campus and among parents and the wider Pacific community.

The editorial falsely stated that a student was murdered on campus while protecting other students. The editorial also mentioned several incidents, reporting them as facts when no information was solicited from Public Relations, Public Safety, or any University office. These incidents were used as evidence that "violence on campus seems to be taking a turn for the worst." This is a serious allegation and it is patently false. It is based on rumor and hearsay. This violates fundamental principles of journalism and sensationalizes these incidents through poor research.

It is important for the University community to understand the following:

Student death:

A student, Loan Kim Nguyen, was killed in her San Mateo home over the Thanksgiving break. This was a horrific crime, but it did not occur on campus and had nothing to do with Pacific or her being a student here. Ms. Nguyen was protecting her children — not students — from an intruder in her home. The accused intruder is not connected with

University of the Pacific or Stockton in any way. This incident was reported accurately in an official University statement sent to all students, faculty and staff. Numerous TV and newspaper stories also reported the facts accurately.

WPC assault:

Rumors have spread about the assault of two students on Sunday, Dec. 7 near Wendell Phillips Center. However, independent witnesses said that at least one of the students was kicking cars parked along Dave Brubeck Way. After a shouted verbal exchange, the two Pacific students were chased and assaulted by bystanders whose car had been kicked. At the time the Pacifican ran its editorial, the incident was still under investigation. At that point it was inappropriate and irresponsible to draw conclusions.

Joel Strauss incident:

We were very concerned to learn of a possible assault on this student, because it had not been reported. Public Safety immediately contacted this student and is still investigating, but this appears to have been a minor shoving incident last August. There have been no further reports of this kind of incident.

Bicycle stops:

The bike safety actions mentioned in the editorial were the result of an anti-bike theft operation by University Public Safety. Recently, there had been an unusual rash of bike thefts

on and around the campus. Officers were patrolling the campus and the levy area, and alerting students to the importance of registering their bikes, as well as bike safety and security. As a result of this increased Public Safety action, our officers made an arrest on a no-bail felony warrant on the levy that may well have protected Pacific students.

If the Pacifican wants to start a dialogue about campus violence, it has a duty to learn the facts first. There has been a dramatic decrease this year in serious campus crimes, including violent crimes, burglary and auto theft. This suggests our Public Safety prevention and enforcement programs are working quite well, despite an increase in crime in San Joaquin County. While the editorial seemed to criticize campus Public Safety, in fact it looks as though our officers are more effective than ever.

This editorial contributed to the false rumor that the area around Wendell Phillips Center is unsafe. It has resulted in calls to the University from worried parents and a call from a television station inquiring about violence on campus. The Pacifican has not only provided an irresponsible representation of Pacific's campus climate, it has also written an unacceptable and sensationalized account that has unnecessarily raised concerns among its public. By doing so, the Pacifican has damaged its credibility with its readers and with the University.

Drinking in College

Christine Le
Pacifican Perspectives Editor

Over the break, the Pacifican received comments on its website regarding its Dec. 11 editorial on the Department of Public Safety. The editorial commended Public Safety for their performance in looking out for our campus's security, and alluded specifically to Public Safety officers recently warning students about the state's bike laws that require light reflectors to be used on bikes when riding at night.

The article prompted readers to remark on Public Safety's actions regarding underage drinking at Pacific. A student commented that Public Safety needs to do more to limit underage drinking, that the department would rather let this occur on campus rather than at an unsafe off-campus site. The student also claimed that Public Safety reports false drinking statistics in order to portray the illusion of Pacific as a school obeying the 21 and over law—that is, at least more so than other colleges.

Some Pacific alumni responded to this comment by arguing that in their days attending Pacific, they never had to worry about Public Safety cracking down on underage drinking.

They had engaged in it because they saw it as part of the college experience. Specifically, one of these commenters compared Pacific's current rules with those of the past, stating how they were never required to register for a party if there were over ten people in attendance.

To what extent should Public Safety monitor drinking at Pacific? Both sides of the comments have reason. Obviously, it is impossible and therefore unreasonable to catch every single student breaking the law, yet this should not discourage Public Safety from entirely ignoring the issue.

Currently on the University's website, Public Safety displays facts of high-risk college drinking, such as that every year, 599,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol. The site also includes tips for drinking responsibly, such as not making drinking the primary focus of any activity. To see more facts and tips visit <http://web.pacific.edu/x6159.xml>.

Perhaps Public Safety can hold more frequent workshops and sessions in which students can learn even more about the risks of college drinking and how to drink conscientiously. No matter how much is said and taught, the reality is that college students will drink, whether they are 21 or not. Yet, the least Public Safety can do is to make less aware students more aware of the aspects of college drinking. At least then, even when we choose to drink, we are likely to go about it more cautiously and wisely.

In response to concerns raised and facts in question regarding our editorial "Safety in Public Safety" of Dec. 11, 2008, we are offering a revised piece. Our intent then/now was to prompt a timely discussion of personal awareness and safety on campus.

Pacific's rumors seem to be fluttering around, drawing up concerns of personal violence on our campus. We, at the Pacifican, are not listening to these rumors.

Non-campus events, like the

news of the unfortunate death of student Loan Kim Nguyen, killed after saving her two children at her San Mateo home over the Thanksgiving break, are touching the Pacific community recently and danger is fresh to students' minds.

In addition, the alleged assault of two male Pacific students on campus has further pushed fear into student's minds. These rumors must be ignored! They've made us question how safe our

campus is, when, in fact, we are in good hands.

We should not be asking ourselves this with exams looming over us, elevating stress levels and making us prone to paranoia.

We, at the Pacifican, have faith in Pacific's Public Safety force. A few weeks ago, officers were on the levy at night stopping all bike riders without a bike light. They were informing students about the bike registration service offered by Public Safety: keeping

us safe.

Public Safety also provides transportation around campus for students after STRIPE closes: again, keeping us safe.

Instead of spreading rumors and scaring each other, use caution and the means of protection Pacific provides us. We will be safe if we use these protective services. While we care about our safety, Public Safety cares about it even more.

Men's Basketball: What You Missed During the Break

Elizabeth Croisetiere
Pacifcan Staff Writer

The Pacific Mens' Basketball team was busy over break. They played some tough games, winning 4 out of 6 games over the holiday break. The Tigers began with a win against Santa Clara at home 63-57 with the help of returning veteran and senior Michael Kirby.

They then fell to Saint Mary's College after when unable to hold their lead after halftime, the game ending 74-65. The team recovered with an exciting away win at Sacramento State, where senior Chad Troyer scored an impressive season high-score of 23 points and senior Bryan Leduc scored 16 points. In their first official conference game, the Tigers overturned Northridge during overtime 84-78. Kirby proved his basketball prowess with a career high of 14 points and 8 assists and senior Anthony Brown had the team high score of 17 points. It was a good game for the Tigers; they had the lead at halftime and hit 70% of field goals in the first half.

Coach Bob Thomason was pleased

with the outcome, "our guys did a great job on our defense." He thought that all the guys were playing as well as they could play at this time during the season, the "guys really had a great team effort."

Unfortunately, the Tigers lost their second conference game against Long Beach with 74-64, but made a great comeback in their third conference game beating UC Riverside 76-53. After the first half, Riverside was not able to gain a lead on the Tigers. Troyer scored 23 points and junior Lavar Neufville started that game on a high note scoring five points in the first four minutes. The Tiger's ended the first half in the lead and were able to showcase an exciting break away slam dunk by LeDuc. The Tigers go into the spring semester in second place in the Big West conference standings with 2-1 second only to Long Beach who is 4-0.

Come support Mens' Basketball at their next home game Thursday, Jan. 22, and help cheer them onto their next victory.

January Tiger X Schedule

Thursday January 15	Angelica Body Sculpt 4:00-5:00PM Wood Rm- Alex Beginning Yoga 5:15-6:45PM Wood Rm-Deanna	Wood Room- Angel Pilates 5:15-6:00PM Wood Rm- Edward Zumba 7:30-8:30PM Wood Room- Connie	Zumba 4:00-5PM Wood Rm- Angela Beginning Yoga 5:15-6:45PM Wood Rm-Deanna Pilates 5:10-6:00PM Rubber Rm- Angela
Tuesday January 20	Cycle Fit 6:30-7:30AM Rubber Room- Angelica Early Morning Run 6:30AM-Meet @ Baun- Sean Lunch Time Yoga 12:00-1:00PM Wood Rm-Deanna Power Yoga 5:15-6:45PM Wood Rm-Deanna Cycle Fit 6:15-7:15PM Rubber Rm- Angela	Tuesday January 27	Thursday January 29
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PLAYING AT THE PACIFIC THEATRE

Stepbrothers
Friday and Saturday,
January 16 & 17

8:00 P.M.
Doors open at 7:30 P.M.

Admission:
Pacific Students - Free
General - \$7
Faculty, Staff, Seniors - \$5

Distinguished Dean Emeritus Teaches Valuable Lessons

Vivian Lee
Pacifcan Lifestyles Editor

This Tuesday, Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni, namesake of the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco, presented advice on leadership and advancement to members of the North Stockton Rotary Club from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., a team of 16 fundraising professionals from the University Advancement division from 2-3:30pm, and the Council of Deans in the Library Community Room from 4:30-5:30pm.

Not bad for a 82-year-old retired dean of the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry and past President of the American Dental Association and the American Association of Dental Schools.

His bright eyes sparkling, Dr. Dugoni has the spirit of a youth eager to engage his audience, and the success of his former vocations are insubstantial to his strong beliefs in working hard and loving one's life. His presentation was touching and motivating, and his enthusiasm was contagious.

Dr. Dugoni provides inspiration through his experiences at the School of Dentistry, by being a father to seven children, a caring grandfather to fifteen grandchildren, and a loving husband to his wife, Kaye.

He currently serves as President of the American Dental Association Foundation and lives with his wife at the Classic Residence by Hyatt retirement community at Stanford University in Palo Alto.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

January 14, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
The Cardinals Travel to Play the Pacific Tigers.
Annual Volleyball Summer Camp

January 15, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Pacific Tigers Men's Basketball takes on the UC Irvine Anteaters.

January 15, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pacific Theatre

Dr. Brian Klunk of the Political Science department will facilitate a conversation with representatives of Hillel and the Muslim Student Association about the conflict in Gaza.

January 19
Civic Auditorium
Community service event in which LULAC youth in Stockton will be marching wearing LULAC Shirts. ULAC Shirt required, call (209) 663-9074